



Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education



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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS
FROM: DCCECE / HNU
DATE: MAY 15, 2020
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response Act Nationwide Waivers Extension

This is an important notice regarding the recent COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response Act Nationwide Waivers Extensions:

COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response Act USDA has approved extensions on four distinct National Federal waivers for Child and Nutrition Programs. They are the following:

Nationwide Waivers Extended through August 31, 2020:

- 1. Nationwide Waiver to Allow Non-Congregate Feeding in the Child Nutrition Programs**
- 2. Nationwide Waiver to allow Meal Service Time Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Program**
- 3. Nationwide Waiver to allow Parents and Guardians to Pick-up Meals for Children in the Child Nutrition Program**

Nationwide Waiver Extended through June 30, 2020:

- 1. Nationwide Waiver to allow Meal Pattern Flexibility in the Child Nutrition Program**

Official FNS Nationwide Waivers are located on the SNP Resource Library located under COVID-19.

To participate in these waivers, programs must submit a written plan to the state agency before serving meals. Guidance for writing a COVID-19 Waiver Plan is located on the SNP Resource Library under COVID-19.

If your program would like to participate, please submit your written plan to all the following individuals:

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All plans will be reviewed, and approval will be granted if they meet waiver requirements. Reminder, you must have **APPROVAL** from the State Agency before you may participate in the program under these waivers.

Please keep this memo on file for quick and easy reference. A copy is also available on the resource library under HNP Mass Alerts and COVID-19 References. If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact your Program Coordinator at: 501-682-8869.